

LINGUISTICS, PH.D.

Admissions

Required Documents

- **Official Transcripts.** Please submit transcripts for all prior undergraduate and graduate study.
- **3 Letters of Recommendation**
- **Personal Statement.** Please ensure that your statement addresses the following questions, though you do not need to address them in the exact order below (maximum 1,000 words total).
 - a. *What kind of linguistic research do you see yourself conducting in graduate school? Be as specific as possible, offering examples as relevant.*
 - b. *How have you learned about linguistics, whether through classes, readings, seminars, or other experiences? What insights have you gained that further stimulated your interest and reinforced your conviction that you are well-suited for this field?*
 - c. *What relevant experience, training, or coursework do you have, given the type of research you wish to pursue (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, or formal research)?*
 - d. *Are there any gaps or discrepancies in your academic record that you would like to explain?*
 - e. *Why do you want to join our program, given the specific training and faculty expertise that we offer?*
 - f. *What makes you a strong candidate for graduate school and likely to have a successful career in linguistics?*
- **Writing Sample.** Your writing sample should reflect your ability to carry out research in your intended subfield. For example, if you plan to pursue quantitatively oriented research, your sample should showcase your ability to draw on quantitative methods of analysis. Likewise, if you plan to pursue qualitatively oriented research, your sample should showcase your ability to draw on qualitative methods of analysis.
- **Curriculum Vitae or Resume**
- **TOEFL/IELTS Score** (for international applicants for whom English is not a first language)